

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2644

AN ACT

To establish standards for trauma kits purchased using funds provided under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “American Law En-
3 forcement Sustaining Aid and Vital Emergency Resources
4 Act” or the “American Law Enforcement SAVER Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. TRAUMA KIT STANDARDS.**

6 Section 521 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
7 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10202) is amend-
8 ed by adding at the end the following:

9 “(d) TRAUMA KITS.—

10 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
11 ‘trauma kit’ means a first aid response kit that—

12 “(A) includes, at a minimum, a bleeding
13 control kit that can be used for controlling life-
14 threatening hemorrhage, which shall include—

15 “(i) a tourniquet recommended by the
16 Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty
17 Care;

18 “(ii) a bleeding control bandage;

19 “(iii) a pair of nonlatex protective
20 gloves and a pen-type marker;

21 “(iv) a pair of blunt-ended scissors;

22 “(v) instructional documents devel-
23 oped—

24 “(I) under the STOP THE
25 BLEED national awareness campaign

1 of the Department of Homeland Secu-
2 rity, or any successor thereto;

3 “(II) by the American College of
4 Surgeons Committee on Trauma;

5 “(III) by the American Red
6 Cross; or

7 “(IV) by any partner of the De-
8 partment of Defense; and

9 “(vi) a bag or other container ade-
10 quately designed to hold the contents of
11 the kit; and

12 “(B) may include any additional trauma
13 kit supplies that—

14 “(i) are approved by a State, local, or
15 Tribal law enforcement agency or first re-
16 sponders;

17 “(ii) can adequately treat a traumatic
18 injury; and

19 “(iii) can be stored in a readily avail-
20 able kit.

21 “(2) REQUIREMENT FOR TRAUMA KITS.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
23 other provision of law, a grantee may only pur-
24 chase a trauma kit using funds made available
25 under this part if the trauma kit meets the per-

1 formance standards established by the Director
2 of the Bureau of Justice Assistance under para-
3 graph (3)(A).

4 “(B) AUTHORITY TO SEPARATELY AC-
5 QUIRE.—Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall
6 prohibit a grantee from separately acquiring the
7 components of a trauma kit and assembling
8 complete trauma kits that meet the perform-
9 ance standards.

10 “(3) PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND OP-
11 TIONAL AGENCY BEST PRACTICES.—Not later than
12 180 days after the date of enactment of this sub-
13 section, the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assist-
14 ance, in consultation with organizations representing
15 trauma surgeons, emergency medical response pro-
16 fessionals, emergency physicians, and other medical
17 professionals, relevant law enforcement agencies of
18 States and units of local government, professional
19 law enforcement organizations, local law enforcement
20 labor or representative organizations, and law en-
21 forcement trade associations, shall—

22 “(A) develop and publish performance
23 standards for trauma kits that are eligible for
24 purchase using funds made available under this
25 part; and

1 “(B) develop and publish optional best
2 practices for law enforcement agencies regard-
3 ing—
4 “(i) training law enforcement officers
5 in the use of trauma kits;
6 “(ii) the deployment and maintenance
7 of trauma kits in law enforcement vehicles;
8 and
9 “(iii) the deployment, location, and
10 maintenance of trauma kits in law enforce-
11 ment agency or other government facili-
12 ties.”.

Passed the Senate November 29, 2023.

Attest:

Secretary.

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